

Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class (SW) Steve Smith

Petty Officer Smith enlisted in the Navy in 1994 as an Ocean Systems Technician Analyst (OTA) and then cross-rated to Aerographer's Mate (AG). He completed his first four-year contract and separated from the Navy. After 14 months as a civilian, he returned to the Navy, completed on tour as an AG, and then cross-rated to Journalist (JO). He completed the Defense Information School's (DINFOS) JO A-school and reported to American Forces Network (AFN) Sigonella, Italy, and was the LPO of the TV News dept. He was awarded AFN'r of the Year for the AFN Europe region and was then selected for the 2005-2006 Syracuse University Military Motion Media program. After completion, he was stationed at the Naval Media Center (NMC) headquarters in Washington, DC. During his assignment at NMC, he was the associate producer of Daily News Update/All Hands Update for two years. During this time, he volunteered to lead an individual augmentee (IA) unit of MCs to run the AFN Iraq station in conjunction with U.S. Air Force broadcasters. MC1 Smith returned to DC finish his tour at NMC and then reported to Norfolk, at the Navy Public Affairs Support Element (NPASE) East. He completed three full underway deployments as the LPO of NPACE teams on various platforms, including serving as the LPO of USS Enterprise's (CVN 65) Media Dept. In 2013, MC1 Smith reported to Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain's Public Affairs Office where he is currently the dept. LPO, social media coordinator and Desert Times Newspaper editor.

MC1 Smith is married to Heather Smith and has one son, Tyler, who is eight years old.